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Abroad.

CHINA.

China stands first on the list of Foreign Missionary fields, both in the extent of its territory and the number of its inhabitants. It has a history dating back to the time of Abraham, and is referred to by Isaiah as the land of Sinim.

China proper, known as the Eighteen Provinces, has a population of 160,000,000, and an area equal to the United States, exclusive of the Territories. There are many points of similarity between it and our own land. It occupies the same position in the Eastern Hemisphere that the United States does in the Western. The contour and length of its coastline correspond very closely. Lying within almost the same parallels of latitude, it embraces a similar variety of climate and productions. The great river Yang-tse flows through a fertile valley, dividing the Empire

into nearly equal parts, and is supplied by tributaries rising in mountain ranges on each side.

The artificial divisions also bear a resemblance. The provinces correspond to our States; they are divided into prefectures corresponding to counties, these again into districts corresponding to townships. Each of these divisions has its chief or capital city. The outlying countries, north of the Great Wall, correspond to our Territories.

The country is rich in mineral resources, and has an extremely fertile soil, which is brought under careful cultivation. This is absolutely necessary to support so vast a population, and furnish exports to meet their wants as a nation. It is said that one-tenth of the people obtain their food from the waters, so abundant are fish. Their chief rivers are navigable for the largest seagoing vessels. At Hong Kong, six hundred miles up the Yang-tse, vessels clear for New York and Liverpool. Their system of canals is the most extensive in the world. These, with their rivers, afford superior facilities for trade and commerce. It has been stated that "not even our own country has an area more directly fitted by nature for a great concentric empire, with all its resources at home, than this grand Asiatic region."

THE PEOPLE.

Would that this picture could be drawn in colors as bright! The involuntary exclamation of a foreigner when first landing in China is "Oh, the people! the people!" They swarm and crowd everywhere, and the whole land is a vast graveyard. They constitute one-third of the human race, and are the oldest distinct nationality on the face of the earth; hence we find hoary costumes and superstitions ground into their very being. The tenacity and reverence with which they cling to these constitutes the most serious barrier to the introduction of Christianity. Their religion is full of Pantheistic ideas. The spirit of Earth, Air and Water they believe to be everywhere present, and they live in constant dread of offending this spirit by disturbing any of the elements of nature. We cannot, in this brief space, go into

the details of their religious beliefs. It is sufficient to say that the prince of this kingdom of moral darkness has brought all his wisdom, cunning, and long experience to the work of adapting their faith to the weakness of poor human nature, and of fortifying them in the blind belief that no religion can be given them better than that of their ancestors, whom they so devoutly worship. Vanity and self-sufficiency are national characteristics, and it is literally true of them that they "think they have need of nothing; and know not that they are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked." Missionaries who have lived among them for twenty years say they are only now finding out their dreadful wickedness, their utter moral rottenness. It has always been the Devil's policy to present a smooth and plausible exterior, and he has been true to his tactics in building up his kingdom in China.

They are an educated and a cultivated people. A knowledge of reading, writing and arithmetic is almost universal among the men. Every village has its school, and political and social position can only be obtained on condition of superior scholarship. Polite culture constitutes a part of every man's education in China. From early childhood they are taught the etiquette of genteel society, and are rigidly required to observe it.

THE WOMEN.

We find the women of this land just where we find the women of every heathen land, in the deepest degradation. The life of a Chinese woman is one long continued wail from the cradle to the grave. Unwelcome when born, they go through life under a bondage almost unbearable; and it is no wonder that many of them commit suicide to get away from it. They are rarely taught even to read, and are not believed to have souls. It would be worth all it costs to send them the gospel, if it did nothing more than brighten their lives in this world.

Such, in brief, are the people to whom we are sending the gospel. At every step its progress has been contested. The first missionaries could only labor on adjacent islands. The exclusive policy of the Chinese and their prejudice against Christianity, resulting

from Jesuitical treachery among them, led them to shut out all foreigners. When at length British cannon compelled them to open their ports, the devil made his defeat almost as good as a victory, by carrying in with the gospel the curse of opium. The two have ever since been associated in the Chinese mind, and it was not strange that their Prime Minister should have said to the British embassador when leaving Pekin, "Now that you are about to return to your own country, we wish you to take with you your opium and your missionaries."

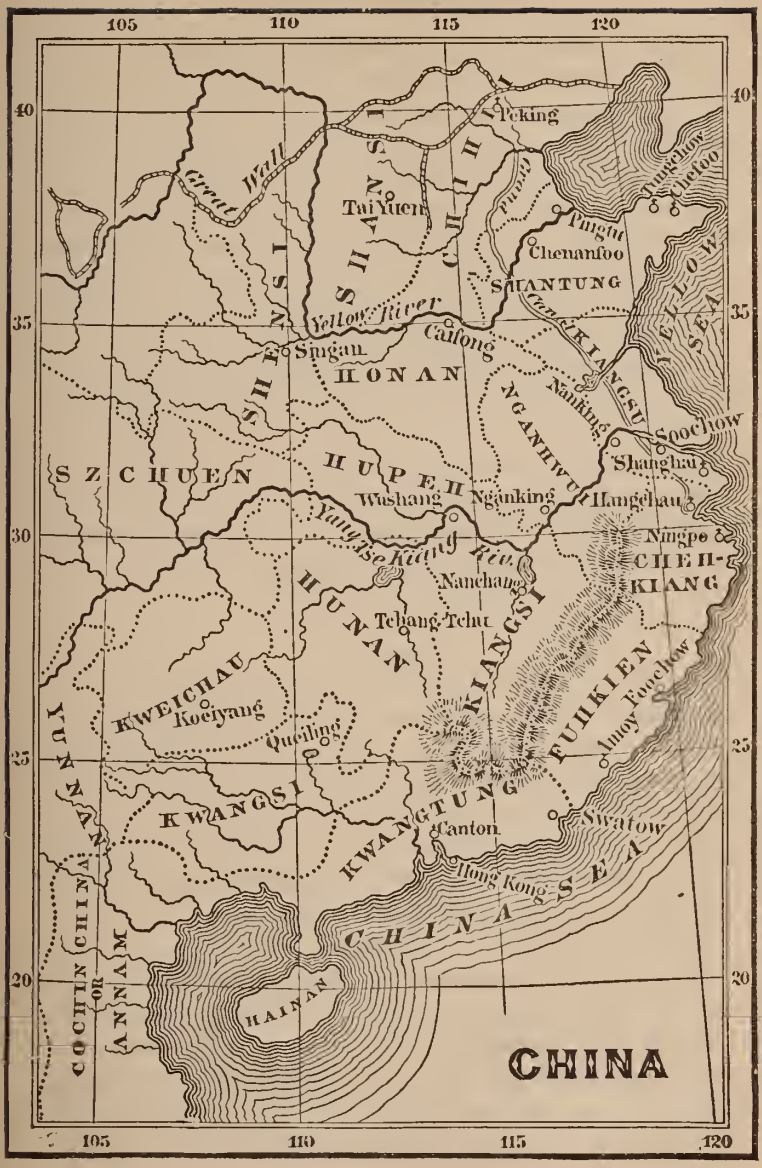
The bitter accusation of bringing this fearful curse upon the nation meets the missionaries constantly. Only five ports were opened, however, and missionaries were long restricted to those. When lawful permission was obtained to go inland, they were met by the most bitter hostility on the part of the natives. Yet, notwithstanding all these hindrances, and the extreme difficulty of the language, great progress has been made. A noble band of more than four hundred men and women, representing almost every Christian denomination, is marching upon this stronghold—this Gibraltar of heathenism Between twelve and thirteen thousand converts stand as a living refutation of the oft-repeated assertion that missions, especially in China, are a failure. This, to say nothing of the almost incredible amount of foundation work done in the way of mastering the language and literature of the country.

From the one hundred and twenty missionaries, representing the various denominations, recently gathered together at the Shanghai Conference, comes a most earnest appeal for more men and women to fill up their broken ranks and swell their number. Who will go? What mother will consecrate her son or daughter to China's redemption? Until we lay our children, our gold, and our silver upon the altar, we cannot consistently pray "Thy kingdom come" in this dark land.

We have three missions in China—Canton, Ningpo, and Shantung.

CANTON.

The city of Canton is on the Canton river, 70 miles from the sea. Our missionaries there are Rev. Andrew P. Happer, D.D.,



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Rev. B. C. Henry, and their wives; Fleming Carrow, M.D., and his wife; Misses H. and M. Noyes, Miss Lucy Crouch, and Miss Lily Happer. There are two churches, the First and Second. Dr. Happer is pastor of the First. It has a membership of about two hundred. Mr. Henry is pastor of the Second, with a membership of about seventy. This mission has been sorely bereaved during the year by the death of Rev. C. F. Preston, whose missionary life extended over a period of twenty-three years. For fourteen years, except during an absence of eighteen months in this country, he preached almost daily in his chapel on one of the chief thoroughfares of the city, to audiences varying from four to eight hundred. His hearers came from all parts of the province, and carried home with them the precious seeds of truth. The fruit thereof has already been apparent in many instances.

The unmarried ladies here have charge of a girls' boarding school and a women's training school, besides superintending a number of day schools taught by native teachers.

THE NINGPO MISSION.

SHANGHAI.

Shanghai is on the Woosung river, 14 miles from the sea. Rev. Messrs. Roberts, Farnham and Holt, with their wives, occupy this station. Here is located the mission printing press, which has enlarged its operations from year to year as the Christian literature of China has increased.

Mr. and Mrs. Farnham have a boys' and girls' school respectively. Mr. Roberts is engaged in translating and preaching. Mr. Holt is temporary superintendent of the press.

NINGPO.

Ningpo is on the Ningpo river, 12 miles from the sea. Laborers, Rev. Joseph A. Leyenberger, Rev. John A. Butler, and his wife (formerly Miss Harshberger), and Miss A. P. Ketchum. The ladies have charge of a boarding school for girls, an industrial class for women, and a day school. Miss B. L. Houston, of Wilmington, Delaware, is on her way to Ningpo to take Miss Harshberger's place in the boarding school.

HANGCHOW

Is one hundred and fifty miles northwest of Ningpo. Laborers, Messrs. Dodd and Lyon, with their wives. Mr. Dodd's school furnishes teachers and preachers for the Ningpo Presbytery. Mr. Lyon gives his time to preaching the word, and Mrs. Lyon has a small school for girls.

SUCHOW

Is seventy miles up the river from Shanghai. Mr. and Mrs. Fitch are alone here. Mrs. Fitch has a girls' school and edits a child's paper. We are happy to be able to say that two ladies, Miss Cooley and Miss Schmucker, are on their way to Suchow. Mrs. Fitch sorely needs help, and will give these new laborers a glad welcome.

NANKING.

Nanking is on the Yang-tse river, 200 miles from its mouth. Rev. Albert Whiting and his wife and Rev. Charles Leaman are laying foundations in this old city. The mission is in its infancy.

SHANTUNG AND PEKING MISSION.

TUNGCHOW

Is on the coast, in the northern part of China. Our laborers here are Rev. C. R. Mills, Rev. C. W. Mateer and wife, Mrs. M. B. Capp, and Mrs. J. M. Shaw.

This is a peculiarly bereaved station. Mrs. Mills and Mr. Shaw sleep in the Tungchow cemetery, Mr. Capp rests from his labors in Japan. Three times has one been taken and the other left to toil on alone. Mr. Mills is pastor of the *native church*. Mr. and Mrs. Mateer have a boys' high school, which has been greatly blessed and prospered. Mr. Mateer has found it necessary to prepare the text books needed in the school, and to supply apparatus for scientific experiments, as only seeing is believing with a Chinaman. Mrs. Capp has a girls' boarding school. Mrs. Shaw labors among the women.

CHEFOO

Is the chief foreign port of Shantung. The missionary laborers are Rev. J. L. Nevius, D.D., and wife, Rev. Hunter Corbett and wife,

and Miss C. B. Downing. For months past the missionaries here, as well as at Tungchow, have had their hands more than full, ministering to the famine sufferers. The suffering was heartrending, and the danger from famine fever imminent. The ladies have charge of two schools for girls, and a large industrial class of women. (Miss Downing is now in this country.)

Dr. Nevius has had a theological class much of the time; both he and Mr. Corbett do a great deal of itinerating. At Chi-Mi, 130 miles inland from Chefoo, a great work has been in progress for several years. The churches organized there have native pastors, under the supervision of the Chefoo brethren. Fifty-two persons have been received to church membership in the past five months.

PEKING

Is the Imperial City, where the "Son of Heaven" sits upon the "Dragon Throne."

Here we have Rev. Messrs. J. L. Whiting, Daniel McCoy, and their wives, and Miss M. E. Barr. Encouraging progress has been made, though it has been difficult to get a foothold in this great city so wholly given to idolatry. Other boards preceded ours, and much work has been done in the way of educating the women and girls.

CHE-NAN-FOU

Is the capital of the Shantung Province, 300 miles south of Peking. Laborers, Mr. and Mrs. Crossette, Mr. and Mrs. Murray, and Rev. J. S. McIlvaine. Mr. and Mrs. Murray have gone out during the past year. Before their arrival Mrs. Crossette was the only white woman in that city, several hundred miles from any other mission station. More than four years Mr. McIlvaine labored here alone.

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RECENT MISSIONARY NEWS.

MRS. OLDFATHER, OROOMIAH, PERSIA.

"THE Koords are becoming very daring near us—robbing, killing, and carrying off property only one hour's distance from this city. We have no government here which can aid the suffering people, neither do we know how Persia will act in this war. The poor Nestorians are becoming very anxious about their safety. Five-sixths of the inhabitants of Reshd have fled from the city on account of the plague. The disease is spreading, being carried to other towns and villages. We are left without a physician—a sore trial, as we have no medical knowledge of our own. We do hope and pray that a good physician may be sent to us, and that God will bring order out of all this confusion. Our summer congregations, which are usually small, have been surprisingly large this season, persons coming in from their fields and vineyards to attend the Sabbath and weekly services."

MRS. MATEER, TUNGCHOW, CHINA.

"Mr. Mateer, Mr. Mills, Mrs. Capp and I are just starting on an itinerating tour of six weeks. This plan is the result of much prayer, and I do trust we may be blessed to the good of the people to whom we go. The cholera this summer in China has been unusually fatal. Though all the missionaries have escaped, the disease has come very near to us. One of our school boys died of it a month ago, and a week afterwards one of our dear old women, whom we shall miss in the prayer-meeting, the Sunday-school and church. They were ill only about fifteen hours. This boy is the first pupil who has died in the school—as bright and frolicsome as a boy could be, planning only the day before how he should spend his holiday, as the following day was to be the Chinese Fourth of July. In the morning he was taken sick, and at night was dead. He was the son of Christians, who had consecrated him to God and had sent him to this school to fit him for God's service. His desire was to live and go on with his studies, but he was not afraid to die. We know that he kept up the habit of secret prayer, and trust that he was a child of God and is now with Jesus. His

death is a real loss to us, and a sore affliction to his parents, whom he had not seen for a year and a half. The boys in the school were very kind, vying with each other to do him service. They made his grave and carried him to it, thus showing their highest esteem and respect."

MRS. WEAVER, BOGOTA, SOUTH AMERICA.

"I want to tell you of a third scholar converted. This school has a prospect of great success through God's blessing. New boarders come in, and they go to church with us always and without compulsion. I do hope another teacher will soon come to help us."

MRS. EDDY, SIDON, SYRIA,

Reports the safe arrival of Miss Lyons. The one who opened the door for her exclaimed "A thousand welcomes!" and the echo rang through the house. The Sidon school opened anspiciously October 15th, with forty-five pupils. Dr. Eddy has made some valuable improvements in the ventilation of the school building.

REV. MR. CALDERWOOD, SAHARANPUR, INDIA,

Expresses perfect satisfaction in the Woodstock School, where four of his children are receiving a first-rate education. Mrs. Calderwood is absorbed in her school examinations, and has been obliged to take her daughter Dora from Woodstock temporarily to assist, thus giving her her first lessons in mission work.

MRS. HULL, KOLAPOOR, INDIA,

Writes of the sudden death of their one little child, Harold. Though saddened inexpressibly, she says that God has not left them comfortless. She is desirous of starting a high-caste school in the city if the funds necessary can be promised from home.

MISS NASSAU, AFRICA,

Writes from the old Calabar Mission, where she is visiting her friends of the Scotch Church, in the hope of regaining her health and strength after the great heat. She says: "The one thing I ask in your petitions is that I may be spared for long work in this precious, precious field. I never felt the privilege more than now, and to quit the work would be the greatest trial I could imagine."

At Home.

NEW MISSIONARIES.

Our readers may remember an appeal in the May number of *Woman's Work*, for two ladies to go to Suchow, China, and take charge of a school there, in connection with Mr. and Mrs. Fitch, the missionaries at that station. It is with gratitude to God that we now make known the fact that two friends, one from the East the other from the West, who had agreed together to respond to a call to foreign missionary work, if such came asking for *two*—and who seem well fitted in every way for this particular work—have gone to Suchow in response to the appeal made. They left their homes in December, and sailed on the 24th of that month from San Francisco for China. *Miss Alice S. Cooley*, of Trenton, N. J., from our own Society, and *Miss Alice J. Schmucker*, from the Northwest, are the two whom the Master has "called and sent" to take the girls of Suchow by the hand in His name and lead them to Him. Will you, reader, give them and us your prayers in this new enterprise?

In company with these ladies went also *Miss Bessie L. Houston*, of Wilmington, Del., to Ningpo, China, to assist Miss Ketchum in the care of the girls' school there. Miss Harshberger having been married to Rev. Mr. Butler, a missionary of our Board at the same station, it became necessary to send a lady to take her place in the school—and the good hand of God provided for us one whom we believe to be eminently fitted for the position.

Miss Cooley has been taken as the missionary of the High Street Church Society, Newark, N. J., and Miss Houston will, we hope, be fully supported in the Presbyterial Society to be formed in the Presbytery from which she goes. Miss Schmucker is under the care of our sisters of the Woman's Board of Missions of the Northwest.

While we lift heart and voice in thankfulness to God for giving us these new laborers, let us not fail to realize the new responsibilities and duties which come to us with them, and look to Him also for grace to meet and fulfill these rightly.

WEST JERSEY PRESBYTERY.

THE Second Annual Meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the West Jersey Presbytery was held in the Presbyterian Church of Salem, N. J., October 31st.

Though the day was rainy, a goodly number of delegates and friends were present, some of whom had braved the storm for an hour's ride by carriage, and others a two hours' ride by rail. In the church vestibule the guests were met by the committee of ladies in attendance. The warmth of their welcome made us forget the unpleasant weather, and we at once felt at home with those good Christian sisters.

The President, Mrs. Fithian, opened the meeting, and a choir of young ladies led the singing. Here let us express our thanks for their acceptable aid in this important feature of the services. Miss Fithian gave an interesting report for the year. In it she mentioned several valuable results of the work to the workers in this land, and made several practical suggestions.

Of the thirty-eight churches in the Presbytery, thirteen were reported as having auxiliary societies, and hope was expressed that soon we might have the full number. Two of the thirteen were added during the year. The importance of children's mission bands was strongly urged. The society has had Woodstock, India, for one of its objects of benevolence. It was decided to continue the support of Mrs. Scott, and so far as funds will allow consider other lines of work.

The last hour of the morning session was spent in discussing various methods of collecting for contingent expenses, the benefits of Presbyterial societies, and the question of time and place for holding these meetings.

Mrs. House, for twenty years a missionary in Siam, closed her intensely interesting remarks in the afternoon meeting, by saying that the religious condition of the people in that land could be described by the one word—*darkness!*

We then listened to Miss Loring, of Syria. To many of the ladies in New Jersey and Pennsylvania she needs no introduction. To those who have never heard her descriptions of the homes on

Mount Lebanon, and the girls' seminary in Beirût, or who have never been touched by her stories of the young converts, we would say *do not fail* to hear her, and to invite your friends to go with you, on the first opportunity that presents itself. *Then* you will know how she sends home to your very heart the question, "Do you half believe the story that nations of hungry women are calling to *us* for crumbs that fall from our table?"

A Missionary's Daughter.

WHAT?

O year at hand, to all unborn,
Save Him with whom 'tis always Now,
I wait for thee with anxious brow,
Like some wan watcher for the morn,
Who, swayed by mingled hope and fear,
Is glad, yet sad, the day is near.

The worst or best I would not know;
And yet, strange inconsistency,
I ever ask: "What will it be?
A year of joy or one of woe?
A year of plenty or of dearth?
Or is it my last year on earth?"

O soul! seek not to look behind
This kindly curtain of God's grace,
Which hides the future's mystic face.
Be thou to what may come resigned.
Thou hast To-day: as for To-morrow,
Trust thou to God its joy or sorrow.—*Independent.*

We desire to call special attention to the fact that a BLANK for the Annual Report has been sent to the Secretary of each auxiliary society, and to urge the secretaries to return these blanks, properly filled, to the Presbyterial Secretary, or if the auxiliary is not connected with a Presbyterial Society, to Mrs. A. L. Massey, Home Secretary.

Please do not forget, as so many did last year, to insert the exact name of your church in the space left for that purpose, and also to give the post office address of the secretary. We are exceedingly anxious that our Report this year should be perfect, but cannot hope to make it so unless each secretary does her part promptly and exactly.

Blanks will also be sent to each Presbyterial Secretary in which to return her tabular report. All reports should be sent in by April 15th, *at latest.*

Any secretaries who may not have received blanks will please apply for them, and they will be sent at once. Not having the *address of all the secretaries* of new auxiliaries, we take this method of calling their attention to the necessity of sending in reports before the end of the year in April.

NEW AUXILIARIES AND BANDS.

AUXILIARIES.

Asbury, N. J., Newton Pres.
Delaware City, Del., New Castle Pres
Glasgow, Del., New Castle Pres.
Milford, Del., " " "
Newark, Del., " " "

Receipts of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church, from December 1, 1877.

[PRESBYTERIES IN SMALL CAPITALS.]

ATHENS.—Athens Aux., $5, S. S., $20, for Miss. children, $25 00

BALTIMORE.—Ellicott City Aux., for Mrs. Nevius' work, Chefoo, . . . 166 00

BLAIRSVILLE. — Greensburg Aux., for school, Niugpo, $50; Poke Run Aux., for Miss'y, Hangchow, $80, . 130 00

CARLISLE.—Harrisburg, 1st Ch. Aux , for nat. tea., Beirût, $103; Pine St. Ch., Brave and True Bd., for boy Africa, $15, . . . 118 00

CHESTER.—Honeybrook Aux., for Miss'y, Lodiana, $100; Oxford, Miss. Bd., for Aghani, Mynpuric, $15; West Chester Aux., for Miss'y, Syria, $150, . . 265 00

CINCINNATI.—Wyoming Aux., for Miss. children, $20, for Gen. Fund, $7; Pres. Soc. for freight on organ, $18, . 45 00

CLEVELAND. — Ashtabula Aux., for Miss. children, $10; Akron Aux., $4 95; Cleveland, 1st Ch., Infant sch., for sch'p, Sidon, $45; 2d Ch. Aux., $31 36; North Ch. Aux., $2, Youthful Helpers, for Gen. Fund, $8 88, Willing Workers for Gen. Fund, $6 ($16 88); Memorial Ch. S. S., for sch., Gherzooz, Syria, $15; South Cleveland Aux., $10; Hudson Aux., $6 85; Kingsville Aux., $13; Willoughby Aux., $5 71, . . . 158 75

COLUMBUS.—London, Finley Bd., for sch., Futtehgurh, 8 00

ELIZABETH.—Clinton Aux., for nat. tea., Corisco, . . 14 00

ERIE.—Georgetown Aux., $22; Ira Condit Bd., $3, for Miss'y, California; Girard Aux., for San Paulo sch., $50; Sugar Creek Aux., $30; Warren Ch., Mrs. Henry and Mrs. Wetmore, for sch'p, Gaboon, Africa, $25, ... 130 00

HUDSON.—Cohecton S. S., for San Paulo school, Brazil, . $5 60

HUNTINGDON. — Birmingham Aux., $35; Buffalo Run Aux., $4 10; Duncansville Aux., for Gen. Fund, $31 49; Colerain Forge, S. S., for sch'p, Sidon, $50; Hollidaysburgh, Willing Workers, $19 24; Huntingdon Aux., for Miss'y, Ningpo, $50; Lewistown Aux., for Miss'y, Ningpo, $7 47; Charlie and Willie Bratton, $2; Port Matilda Aux., for Kolapoor Mission, $5; Spruce Creek Aux., for Miss'y, San Francisco, $140, for Miss'y, Ningpo, $200, for Miss'y, Sabathu, India, $162 62 ($502 62), ... 706 92

JERSEY CITY. — Englewood Aux., for Miss'y, Kolapoor, $450; Hoboken Aux., for nat. tea., Sidon, $50; Tenafly Aux., for nat. tea., Dehra, $50, . . . 550 00

KITTANNING.—Eldersridge Aux., for sch., Alma, Syria, 59 50

LACKAWANNA. — Plymouth Aux., for school, Syria, . 25 00

MAHONING.—East Palestino Aux., for Miss'y, Bogota, . 8 00

MORRIS & ORANGE.—Orange, 2d Ch. Aux., for Miss'y, Tungchow, . . . 129 00

NEWARK.—Montclair Aux., for tea. for Miss'y, Ningpo, 25 00

NEW BRUNSWICK.—Flemington Aux., for Miss'y, Brazil, $131 25; Lawrenceville Aux., for sch'p, Beirût, $103; Pennington S. S., Sch'p No. 3, Sidon, $42; Trenton, 1st Ch. Aux., for Miss'y, Japan, $225; 4th Ch. Aux., for Miss'y, Allahabad, $118, . . . 619 25

NEW CASTLE.—Head of Christiana Aux., for Miss'y to Ningpo, ... 22 00

NEWTON.—1st Mansfield Aux., for 2 sch'ps, Saharanpur, . 100 00

PHILADELPHIA. — Centennial Band, for Woodstock, $50; Old Pino St. Ch., Workers for Jesus, Christmas offering, $10; Helping Hands, sup. sch'p, Gaboon, $30, . $90 00

PHILADELPHIA CENTRAL. — Alexander Ch., Sheshadri Bd., for sch'p, Yokohama, $30; Arch St. Ch., Mizpah Bd., for sch'p, Dehra, $30; Johnstone Aux., for Miss'y, Odanah, $87; Princeton Aux., for Miss'y, Persia, $152 60, ... 299 60

PHILADELPHIA NORTH.—Germantown, 1st Ch. Aux., for Miss'y, Japan, . . . 121 00

PITTSBURGH AND ALLEGHENY COM.—Allegheny, 1st Ch., Earnest Workers, for Miss. children, $10; Mrs. R. S. Hays, *special*, for Persia, $100; Allegheny, 2d Ch. Aux., for Mr. Stewart, Mexico, $18 35; Woman's Bible Class, School St. Chapel, for Gen. Fund, $15; Lawrenceville Aux., for Miss'y India, $52; Miss. Bd., for Mrs. Henry's Work, Canton, $30; for Mrs. Happer's Work, $15 ($97); Sewickley Aux., for Miss'y, Kolapoor, $25; Shadyside Aux., for Miss'y, Futtehgurh, $112 50, . . 377 85

ROCHESTER. — Livonia Aux., for sch'p, Mexico, . . 50 00

SHENANGO.—Neshannock Aux., for outfit for Miss'y to Siam, ... 58 00

STEUBENVILLE.—Uhricksville, two S. S. classes, . . 5 10

SYRACUSE.—Skaneateles, Little Sunbeams, for L. M. 25 00

UTICA.—Rome, Seed Sowers, Christmas tree, for Syria, . 10 00

WASHINGTON.—Pigeon Creek Aux., for San Paulo sch., . 30 00

WESTMINSTER. — Union Ch. Aux., for school, Lahore, $27, Infant class, for San Paulo school, Brazil, $4; York Aux., for Miss'y, Tullahassee, $100, . . . $131 00

ZANESVILLE.—Zanesville, 2d Ch., col. by Young Ladies for Miss. children, . . 50 00

MISCELLANEOUS. — Andover, Ill., "Our S. S. Class," 75 cts.; Astoria, Oregon, Mrs. M. C. Flavel, $10; Batavia, N. Y., Mrs. A. V. S. Fisher, $4; Cleveland, O., Mrs. E. C. Higbee, for Miss. children, $10; Dover, N. J., Mrs. J. R. Blake, for San Paulo school, $3; E. Derry, N. H., Mrs. M. G. Pigeon, for San Paulo school, $25 40; Easton, Pa., Miss H. Porter, $50; Lancaster, Pa., ——, 50 cts.; Germantown, A Friend, $5; Montreal, C. W. B. M., for sch'p, Beirût, $76 87; Newville, Pa., "Contents of Hattie's box," $1 53; Painesville, O., Miss. Soc., Lake Erie Semi., for San Paulo school, $10 80; Phil., Mrs. M. H. Crawford, for sch'p, Dehra, $25; Miss E. M. Grant, for Gen. Fund, $2; Ohio, Miss Mary West, $2; Riddle's Cross Roads, Pa., Miss Lizzie Love, $8; Richwood, O., Mrs. C. M. McNeill, $4 40; Union City, Pa., Miss Mary Read, $3; Uniontown, Md., Miss S. B. Ferguson and sister, $2; Tioga, Pa., Mrs. Martha Baldwin, for scholar, Tokio, $25; through Miss S. Loring, churches in Westminster Pres., $10 50, Chester Pres., $10, West Jersey Pres., $10 50, New Castle Pres., $53 56, Phila. North, $70 23 ($154 79), . . 424 04

Total for December, 4,981 61
Previously Acknowledged, 20,375 32

Total Receipts from May 1, 1877, to Jan. 1, 1878, $25,356 93

The Dale Band, Princeton, N. J., has sent a box of rewards to Sidon Seminary, and one to Rev. G. F. Dale, Zahleh, Syria, valued at $30 each.

MRS. JULIA M. FISHBURN, *Treasurer*,
1334 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia.

January 1, 1878.

W. P. B. M.

Northwestern Department.

JAPAN.

MRS. TRUE.

TOKIO, July 18, 1877.

[THE following account of the examination in the school at Tokio will be of special interest to our societies, in view of Miss Eldred's recent departure to work with Mrs. True.]

The weather has been very oppressive for a month, and we were all weary with the long-continued labors of the year (we had no spring vacation), but our Father graciously heard our prayers and enabled us (with the exception of one little frail child) to work up to the end of the term and go through a three days' examination, with credit to the school, I believe, and a good degree of comfort. The pupils pleased me much by the perseverance and evident desire to show themselves equal to what was expected of them, which they manifested in spite of the heat. One of them upon whom depended very much is not strong, and for several years has been sick for weeks during the summer. In April she showed signs of increasing weakness, and for three weeks was my constant care, sleeping with me at night and lying in my room by day. I feared greatly that her working days were over, but God heard and answered prayer, giving us the desire of our hearts. She has been from that time much stronger than before, and was able to go through the extra labors of examination without serious exhaustion. I wish you could see this dear girl. She is wonderfully mature for so young a person (about sixteen), and shows a strength of Christian principle which is surprising. I have said this much about her because I wish to ask you to join with me in the prayer that God will spare her life and give her strength to labor. She longs to tell her people of the way of salvation, and it seems to me and to others who know her that she is a very promising helper in the work. . . .

I had dreaded the close of school for various reasons, but the whole passed off more satisfactorily than I had expected. The English and translation classes were prompt and showed care in study. The Chinese and Japanese classes I could not, of course, judge so well of, but they were highly complimented by those who were familiar with their lessons. All through the three days the exercises were varied by music furnished by the school. The last afternoon was devoted to compositions, Scripture recitations and music, both vocal and instrumental. We also had a novel exercise from a Chinese class; their teacher gave them a subject and required them to write compositions on their slates in Chinese characters before the audience. He afterwards read them, and the visitors were evidently well pleased. The three girls who have been taking music lessons during the year really did finely. I can assure you that the music is an important element in our work here.

Now comes the saddest part of it all; every one of these dear girls, except two, has gone to a *heathen home*. I cannot tell you how my heart yearns after these children and how I long to shield them from the temptations which are so severe for such poor weak lambs. But I can only commit them to the tender Shepherd, and I know He will not forsake them.

AFRICA.

MRS. BUSHNELL.

GABOON, August 10, 1877.

. . . No. —— I am sorry to say is not with us. I had great hopes of her remaining and growing up to be a very useful woman. But she left on being reproved for disobeying one of the rules of the school, and through her friends' influence fell into the besetting sin of the country. I cannot tell you how I was grieved and almost disheartened. In a few weeks the man died. He was from a Christian country, and I presume from a Christian family. He was almost always in church here Sabbath mornings; he was soon cut down in his wickedness. —— professes to be sorry for her sins, and says she has forsaken them. I have not taken her

back into the yard; but we hope she may yet be saved. The temptations that these girls have on every hand, you cannot realize at all. All their friends and all their surroundings outside the mission tend to draw them downward. I shall do what I can for her, and I hope those who had become interested will not forget to pray most earnestly that she may yet be saved. . . . It is Saturday evening, and time for our missionary prayer-meeting, which we have in concert with the other missions on the coast—eight o'clock Saturday evening.

Home Work.

LOOK FORWARD: NOT BACKWARD.

We are all ready for the fresh and glad New Year. We are really *members of Christ's body*, and our feet in His stead must carry the tidings of salvation into all the dark places of the earth; our hands in His stead must lift up all who are fallen under sin; our lips must tell of His love for every human being, for all are His children. Our only motive this year will be "for Christ's sake."

Now, dear reader, have you really adopted the sentiment of the words you have just read? If so, do something *to-day* for your foreign missionary society. Secure some new members for the first monthly meeting. Increase your subscription by a little self-denial. Increase your knowledge of missions, so that you can interest the indifferent. Pray for the permanent increase of Protestantism, and give yourself soul and body to this work, to which you are called.

Where would we send you? Siam, with her rapidly increasing schools, needs two new teachers to-day. Her degraded inhabitants must be lifted up, until they are glorious as their country; ay, until they are fit to join "the King in His beauty."

Where would we send you? Persia must be abandoned in the spring, if there are no fresh relays to send out. The work there is so great, and the number of workers so few, that they soon fail, and they are coming home to recruit. Must the faithful followers

of our Lord in Persia hide themselves, until an Esther arise to save her chosen people? Be warned, lest "another take thy crown."

Where would we send you? Africa, with her nation of dark skin and darker souls, is stretching out her hands for the Bible as the Psalmist foretold, but Christians seem blind. Mission stations dot her western and eastern borders, and we need an aggressive corps to go in and possess the country so rapidly opening. Will you go there "for Christ"?

China, Japan, India, Mexico, all the world is needing the message we must send, or we must carry.

"The Lord sent them two and two into every city and place, whither He Himself would come." Forerunners of Christ, to tell them of a Saviour who was coming to offer them eternal life. Many believed. But the condition of Christ's invitation was, that Christians should prepare the place for Him; and that for strength and safety, two should work together. Now we shall delay His coming, if we withdraw our missionaries, or leave the stations with only one to raise the cross, or fail to send out new workers. Delay and hesitation are criminal, for every day thousands are dying in sin.

These are days of great things, and this momentous question of bringing all the world to the knowledge of that Saviour whom you profess to love so devotedly, demands serious consideration. Will you go forward?

OBJECT LESSONS IN GIVING.

THE inspired Word abounds with them. Seldom did the Jews, as a church or as individuals, worship the Lord without a gift. God, infinite in wisdom and goodness, has with design recorded upon the page of sacred history, with the most minute accuracy, the exact amount given by some of his servants. In the honorable list we find the names of David and Solomon, as well as the widow of Sarepta, who was not afraid to make first a little cake for the Lord out of her last handful of flour and cruse of oil. "Let not your left hand know what your right hand doeth," was a rebuke to spiritual pride and ostentatious service, and not a contradiction of the precept, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may

see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Tender and loving mention is made by our divine Lord, of the widow who loved her Saviour so much, that she actually cast into the Lord's treasury all that she had. Again when Mary had broken her alabaster box and poured the costly and fragrant ointment upon Jesus' head, He said, "Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached in the whole world, there shall also this, that this woman has done, be told for a memorial of her." An alabaster box has recently been broken in Kansas, by a woman who, like Mary of old, loved her Master, and wished to make His love known to her heathen sisters. The perfume has been wafted to Ohio, and the love of many has been stimulated by it to glorify God. Precious sister! The fire was kindled in her heart by the divine Spirit, and because it was *her* heart she thought to cover it with a bushel. But alas! the fire has burned up the bushel, and the light is now shining so high, that we believe some of its rays will penetrate the spiritual darkness upon the other side of the globe.

Some months ago, Dr. Coan of the Persia Mission was making a tour of Kansas, presenting the foreign missionary cause to the home missionary churches of that state. In one of these churches recently lifted from the Home Board, he presented the cause of foreign missions. As he was taking leave of the minister's family that had entertained him, the little son brought to him a dollar, and asked him to take it and use it in "sending Bibles to the heathen." At the same time the little boy's mother slipped a small package into Dr. Coan's hand, telling him it was a "trifle" that had been given her as a keepsake, but she wished now to make it an offering unto the Lord, to send the gospel to her heathen sisters. He protested against taking a keepsake, but she insisted and he deposited it in his pocket, travelled fifty miles on the cars, met an evening appointment, and not till after he retired to his room for the night did he open the little package. Greatly surprised was he then, to find the "trifle" prove to be a beautiful Swiss gold watch, that had cost, as he had since learned, $115 gold, and was associated with three friends now in heaven. Again he sent a protest, asking leave to return it to the giver, but with no better

success than at first. At the semi-annual meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian church, on the 11th of last October, at Columbus, O., a fund for the use of the children of foreign missionaries was proposed. Dr. Coan was present, and the gold watch, with its precious history, was the first offering made for this fund. The watch was redeemed at once with $1163 50 given and pledged to the "Children's Fund," with the wish that the watch be returned to the giver.

As this little Swiss had come from a Home Missionary field, and had done effective Foreign Missionary work, it was thought by some that it should not return empty handed. Accordingly it was suggested that it should take back a little home missionary money to be used on the field it represented. The amount given for this purpose, $61 50, was more precious in quality than quantity, and the use to which it is to be appropriated in the providence of God, still further enhances the privilege of being among the contributors. In a recent letter received by Dr. Coan from the Kansas sister, of whose name and residence we are all ignorant, he finds her almost overwhelmed that her little act of faith and consecration done in secret, so secretly that no human being save Dr. Coan had been taken into her confidence, should be so openly rewarded. But her cup of joy and gladness, according to the promise, has been filled, "good measure, pressed down and running over." She writes: "After a severe struggle, our little church has been dedicated without debt. But we have no bell and greatly need one, and if such be the will of God, we would like to appropriate the $61 50 towards the bell. A beautiful chime would be that bell, if it could strike out the history of the gold and silver coin with which that $61 50 was started and finished." In referring to my note book of Nov. 12, 1877, I find the record of the little children in whose names the first contributions were given.

First stand, "Helen, Freddy and Philip Hinkle" (silver). "Lizzie and Woody Morris" (silver). "Zephine Humphrey" (gold with a history). "Baby," Little Collins," "Little Folsom," "Harry Sage," Georgie Kumler" (all silver). "In the name of an only little child just laid into Jesus' arms" in a setting of a

mother's tears. Still other notes are there, making up the harmony of this chime. Fresh young girls, at school, in their opening womanhood, the reserve force, in a few years to come to the front to fill the vacancies, as one and another in the present army of workers are called up higher,—these, with a sparkle in their eyes, have looked at the jewelled watch as it has been held up before them. Some have taken it in their hands for a closer observance, and remarked, "She must have loved Jesus a great deal to give Him this watch." Another, "She must have set a high value on His love in her own heart, to part with such a watch as this, to make that love known to others." "I wonder if she has ever regretted giving it away," said a third, while number four is sure she should have been sorry, and number five is silent, but her eyes are full of unshed tears. This was indeed a new and precious lesson to all, and pocket-pieces treasured from infancy, and other precious gifts, were laid on the altar Such an Object Lesson is worth many sermons on the theory and obligation of giving. One of these young disciples of the Master touched the keynote of giving in her prayer, after their tithes had been brought in. She thanked the dear Lord for the privilege He had given us of making an offering unto Him, and prayed that He would pour out upon us, and all the churches, a spirit of giving that which was most precious to us, and that we might keep in mind that when our Father gave to us He gave the best He had, even His only and well-beloved Son.

HELEN PEABODY,

Western Female Seminary, Oxford, O., Dec. 11, 1877.

NEW AUXILIARIES.

Brooklyn, Iowa.
Council Bluffs, Iowa, Mission Band.
Dayton, Ind.
Grand Island, Nebraska.
Moorhead, Minn.
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Receipts of the Woman's Presbyterian Board of Missions for the Northwest, to December 20, 1877.

[PRESBYTERIES IN SMALL CAPITALS.]

ALTON.—Alton, for Miss Schmucker's passage, $15 70; Carlinville, Miss Schmucker's outfit, $16; Carrollton, supt. Bible-reader at Futtehgurh, $25; Collinsville, $17 85; Plainview, $3 45, .	$78 00
BELLEFONTAINE.—Upper Sandusky, $10; Urbana, for sch. building in Mexico City, $56, ...	66 00
CEDAR RAPIDS.—Blairstown, $11 50; Lyons, $8; Cedar Rapids 2d Ch., sal. Miss Pratt, $50; sal. Miss Jewett, $50; also, $9; Clinton, $9; Vinton, sal. Miss Pratt, $35; Onslow, $6, . . .	178 50
CHICAGO.—Chicago, 1st Ch., W. M. S., $55 25; Youthful Gleaners, $9 24, all for sal. Mrs. Jessup; 2d Ch., Mrs. W. H. Brown, $25, and Mrs. Jno. Gould, $20, for Bible-reader at Ambala; 3d Ch., sal. Mrs. Kelso, $100; 4th Ch., $21 85; A Friend, for sch. at Karalan, Persia, $2; Evanston, sal. Miss Bacon, $65; Lake Forest, $48; Waukegan, Young Ladies, sup. sch. in Syria, $46 35, .	392 69
COLORADO.—Denver, W. M. S.	18 60
CRAWFORDSVILLE. — Delphi, Chinese W. Home, San Francisco, $47; Lafayette, sal. Mrs. Dr. Warren, $50, .	97 00
DAYTON.—Oxford, W. Fem. Sem. $51 84; for "Missionaries' Children's Fund, $52, .	103 84
DES MOINES.—Adel, W. M. S.	10 22
DETROIT.—Brighton, $5 50; Detroit, 3 L. Ms., $75; South Lyon, $8 75; Wing Lake Ch., $10 75; Busy Bees, sch'p at Chefoo, $4 25,	104 25
FORT WAYNE. — Elkhart, "Band of Hope," Mrs. Farnham's sch., $12; La Grange, S. S. class of 6 boys, for general work in Persia, $8, .	20 00
FREEPORT.—Warren, W. M. S.	16 00
INDIANAPOLIS.—Franklin, sal. Mrs. Dr. Warren, . .	16 81
IOWA CITY. — Davenport, sch'p 28, Gaboon, Africa, $12 50; Scott Ch., $6, .	18 50
KALAMAZOO. — Constantine, supt. Lulli, at Mynpurie, $12 50; Shugis, $10 80, .	23 30
LANSING. — North Lansing, Coral Bd., sch'ps at Gaboon, W. Africa, ...	6 00
LOGANSPORT.—Mishawaka, sch. in Syria, $16; Remington, W. M. S., $4; children, 20cts.; Goodland, $7 06; Crown Point, W. M. S., $7 70; Bd. for gen'l fund, $2 33; Valparaiso, sal. Mrs. Warren, $25; sal. Bible-woman, at Gualior, $7 50, ...	70 39
MANKATO.—St. Peters, Union Ch., ...	8 39
MATTOON.—Vandalia, W. M. S., $30, S. S., $13 90, both for sch. at Chimch, . .	43 90
MILWAUKEE. — Genesee Station, Ottawa Bd., $2; Manitowoc, $8, ...	10 00
MONROE.—Quincy, sup. pupil at Mynpurie, . . .	12 50
MUNCIE.—Tipton, . . .	10 00
OTTAWA.—Aurora, by Mrs. Ruth Safford, . . .	5 00
SCHUYLER. — Monmouth, W. M. S., $25; Little Leaven Bd., 1st Ch., $52 26, . .	77 26
WATERLOO.—Ackley, W. M. S., $8; The Helpers, supt. pupil at Dehra Doon, $20, .	28 00
WISCONSIN RIVER. — Reedsburg, $14; Madison, S. S., gold premium, 67cts., .	14 67
MISCELLANEOUS. — Amherst, Mass., Martha J. Hawley, $3; Societies for publishing Report, $5, . . .	8 00
Total, . . .	$1437 82

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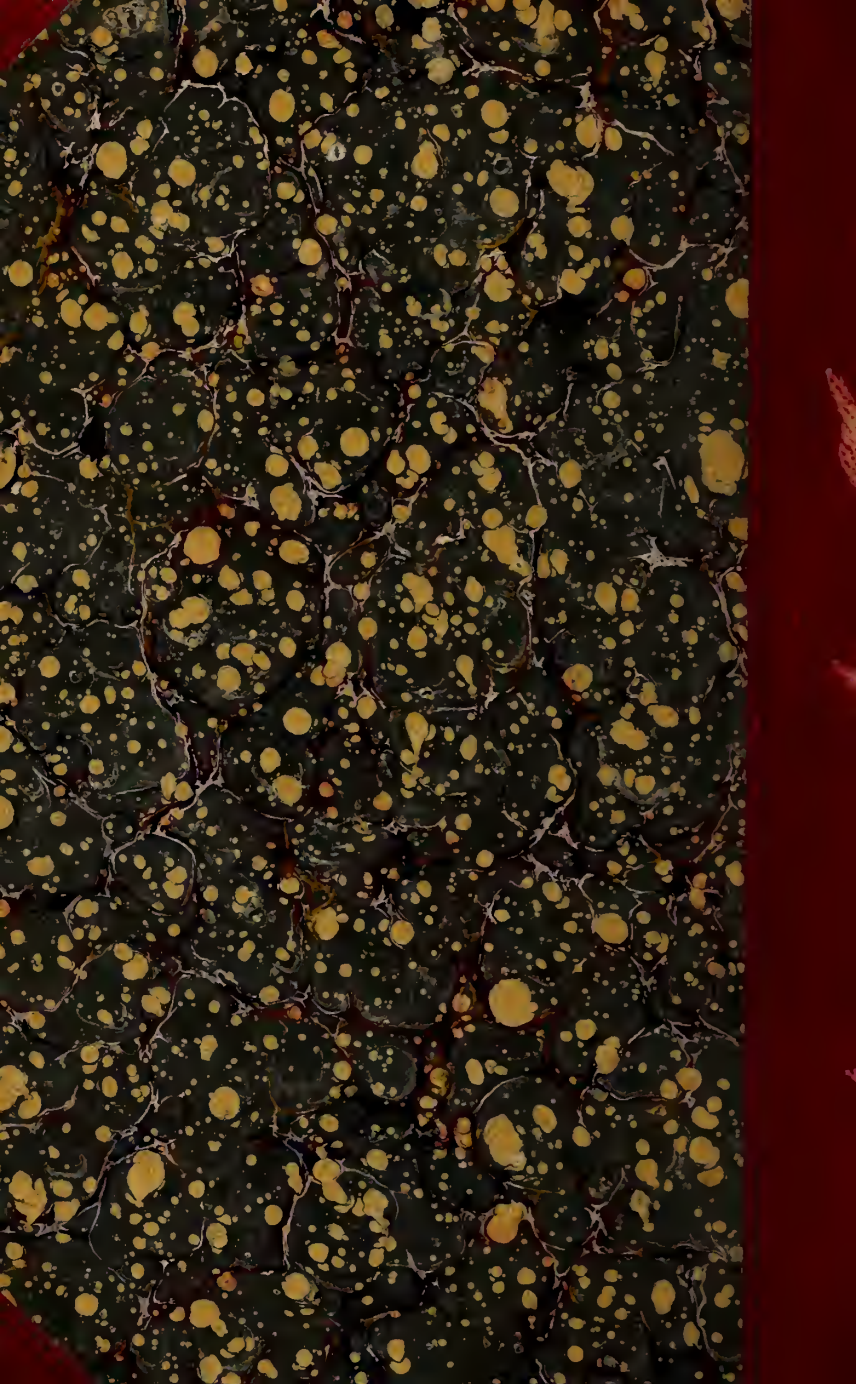
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